OFFICIALS COME HIGH

But the Court Decides That the County Must Pay the Price.

CONTROLLER GRIER'S POSITION.

He Refuses the Increased Salary and Will Take an Appeal.

LOOSE LEGISLATION IS RESPONSIBLE

Until the new Allegheny county salary nture, goes into effect, officials in the county will come high. This act will not be in force until after the expiration of the present terms. Judge Stowe yesterday decided that the incumbents, by virtue of the increase of population, were entitled to the same pay as in Philadelphia. This decision will doubtless stand, though an appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court. The following shows the increase in the annual salary of each person affected:

4.500 to 5,000 4.500 to 5,000 Register Conner from Controller Grier refused to take the salary to which he is entitled under the decisionviz., \$8,000 per annum-and demanded payment under the former rate, \$4,000 per annum. He also announced that he would take an appeal from the decision before the highest tribunal in the State.

Loose Legislation Besponsible

"Of course there will be a wave of popular indignation," said a prominent attorney, "but it should be directed at the prope point. The court has merely enforced the law, and there are few persons who would not have done exactly as the county officials affected. The entire trouble is due to the loose work of the State Legislature. It is this kind of statesmanship which msut be The following is the text of Judge

The statement filed in the case alleges that John A. Bell, the plaintiff, was duly elected Treasurer of the county on November 4, 1890, and was duly qualified and comissioned and entered upon the discharge of his duties in January, 1891, and has since acted as such officer and performed the duties devolving. officer and performed the duties devolving upon him as such. That by the eleventh de-cennial census and by the enumeration of upon him as such. That by the eleventh decennial census and by the enumeration of
the population of the county taken pursuant
thereto, in the year 1890, and prior to the
election of the said plaintiff the population
of the county was 501.958. That on the first
Monday of April, July and October, 1891, he
made claim on the Controller for the alowance of his salary then due, which allowance
was refused, and he demanded of the proper
officers a warrant for his salary for the
proper quarter, and the warrant and payment was refused. Wherefore the plaintiff
says there is due and owing to him the sum
of 37.500, being the salary for the first threequarters of the year 1891, pursuant to the act
of March 31, 1836, and its supplements. To
this statement the country of Allegheny by
its solicitor has demurred, and asks for the
judgment of the Court. The cause was
argued by counsel of plaintiff and also by
the solicitor of defendant, and by permission
of the Courta written argument was submitted by counsel for the Controller opposing the claim of the claimant. The question mitted by counsel for the Controller oppos-ing the claim of the claimant. The question now presented is whether the plaintiff is en-titled under the law to a salary of \$10,000 in-stead of \$5,000, the amount payable under the act of 1876.

The Court then enters into an exhaustive review of the salary acts of 1876, 1870, 1881, and the supplemental of 1883. The act, the Court says, of March 31, 1876, entitled "An act to carry into effect section 5 of article 4 of the Constitution," declares in section 12,

viz:
In all counties or cities co-extensive with
the counties containing over 300,000 inhabitants, the annual salaries of county officers
shall be as follows: District Attorney, \$15,600: three Assistant District Attorney, \$15,600: three Assistant District Attorneys, first
assistant, \$1,000; second, \$5,000; third, \$3,000;
Sheriff, \$15,000; Coroner, \$5,000; Deputy Coroner, \$2,500; Prothonotary, \$10,000; Clerk of
Courts, \$10,000; Recorder, \$12,000; Register,
\$10,000; Teasurer, \$10,000; Commissioners,
\$5,000; Controller, \$10,000; On May 11, 1881,
another act was passed by the Legislature
amending the act of 1836 so that it shall read
as follows:

The annual salaries of all county officers in counties which shall have less than 500,000 In counties which shall have less than 500,000 and more than 300,000 shall be as follows: District Attorney, \$5,000, and all sums collected by him on forfeited recognizances. Assistant District Attorney, \$2,000; Sheriff, \$6,500; Coroner, \$2,300; Prothonotary, \$6,000; Clerk of Courts, \$4,500; Register, \$4,000; Treasurer, \$5,000; Recorder, \$5,000; County Controller, \$4,000. Section 3 repealed all acts inconsistent with this act. Suggestions mised as to this act being unconstitutional is immaterial, as it has been repealed by the act of June, 1883. The Court then quotes the act of 1883 at length showing the salaries of the officers as follows: District Attorney, \$10,000; three assistants at \$5,000, \$4,000 and \$3,000 each; Sheriff, \$15,000; Coroner, \$5,000; Deputy Coroner, \$2,500; Prothonotary, S4.000 and \$3,000 ench; Sheriff, \$15.000; Coroner, \$5.000; Deputy Coroner, \$2.500, Prothonotary, \$10.000; Register, \$5.000; Trensurer, \$10.000; Commissioners, \$5,000; Controller, \$8,000.

The question is whether the plaintiff is entitled to have the annual sum of \$10,000 during his term of office as salary. Does the net of 1883 apply to this county? It not apperting to have had 500,000 inhabitants in 1883 when the act was passed. The answer to this is given by the Supreme Court, which has said:

Only the Proper Population Required.

The act is general in its terms. It is de signed to apply to counties containing the requisite population, and also to those which might hereafter acquire it. Whenever an effort is made to apply this act to any particular county, the fact to be ascertained is whether the county contains sufficient populations at the time the officer entered upon the duties of his office. Whatever the population may have been pre-viously, or what it may thereafter become,

does not control the case.

The Supreme Court has also held that for the purpose of classification of counties under the sainry net the United States under the salary act the United States census is the sole test of population. Notwithstanding the argument presented by the Controller I can discover nothing in the several statutes involved which cast a doubt upon the constitutionality of the act of 1853, above recited. The facts as presented by the pleadings, show that the plaintiff falls clearly within its provisions, and whatever my own individual opinion may be as to the propriety of the legislation allowing such salaries as are fixed by this for the performance of the duties devolving upon the several officers as therein named, it is my plain daty to enforce the law as I find it to be.

If the Legislature in the exercise of its constitutional powers sees fit to make a sal-ary which the public may consider unduly constitutional powers sees ht to make a saiary which the public may consider unduly
large or out of all reasonable proportion to
the duties and responsibilities appertaining
to an ordice, the Legislature alone can afford
a remedy. Any attempt on the part of the
count to thwart the plain purpose of a valid
act of Assembly would not only be a papahic violation of their Judicial duties, and an
inexcusable act of assurpation properly punishable by impeachment. As then I am of
opinion that the act of Assembly of March
31, 1835, as amended by the act of 1833 is constructional, and therefore the law is applicable to the county, and as that act directs
that the County Treasurer shall be paid the
full amount of the salary allowed him by
the act, to wit, \$10,000 per annum, payable
quarterry, it is our duty to enter Judgment
for the amount chalmed by the piaintiff for
the payment of three quarters salary saed
for in this action, to wit, \$7,500, and it is now
ordered that judgment be entered in his
invoragainst the county of Allegheny for
\$7,500 with costs.

Carnegie Boosts Homestead Music. On Mr. Carnegie's recent visit to Home stead, he was screanded at his hotel by the K. of G. E. Band, of that place. He was so much pleased with the good music it pro- prices half their regular value at the duced that he offered \$500 in prizes of three, to the fine brass bands of Homestead, the best to get \$250, the second \$150 and the third \$100 prizes. The contest will be held New Year's night at the Opera House.

Onyx and Marble Clocks.

Onvx candelabra and bronzes of every de scription reduced 25 per cent during special watch and diamond sale at Kingsbacher PLANS FOR THE BIG BAND.

Representative of Pittsburg's Musical Talent-The Part Taken by the Exposition Society-Cost of the Scheme. A number of prominent local musicia

and the directors of the Exposition are working together to create a band that shall be fully representative of the musical talent the city contains and a more ambitious organization than any that has hitherto existed in Pittsburg. The musical leaders in this movement are Prof. William Guenther and Prof. Ruhe, both of whom have had large experience in the directio of orchestral bodies, and who will be prepared to act respectively as director and assistant director of the new organization. The directorate of the Exposition Society is heartily in favor of the project, and will lend all the assistance in their power, while Manager Johnston, of the Exposition, has been empowered to assist Messrs. Guenther

and Rube in the practical working out of The Exposition people expect to avail themselves of the band's services next fall, and the band, if it is formed, will bear the title of Pittsburg Exposition Band. The plan, as proposed, is to select from the best performers in this city about 65 men, all artists, such as can readily be found among the 400 or 500 musicians who make Pitts burg their home. Additional soloists to the number of 10 or 12 will be engaged in New York or other musical centers, thus making the effective force of the band 75 men. The uniform proposed is something in the style of that worn by the Seventh Regiment Band, of New York, which played at the Exposition last fall, namely, dark sack coat, neatly braided, dark trousers with stripe on side, white vest, and cap of regular army pattern with the letters P. E. B. in front.

The Cost of the Plan. To organize and equip such a band will cost, it is estimated by Messrs. Guenther and Ruhe, \$5,000, and toward this the musicians themselves are ready to subscribe \$2,000, leaving \$3,000 to be raised from other sources. The Exposition Society is prepared to engage the band for the season next fall, and from the pay of the musicians for that engagement the \$2,000 will be de-ducted. The additional sum of \$3,000 will be required for music, instruments, etc., and this it is hoped music-lovers in this city will readily contribute when they realize what aid to the cause of music the establishment of such a band will lend. The oand will be a permanent organization read; to take part in all the large musical events of the year, and it is proposed that all mem-bers of it shall join the National League of Musicians, in order that the band may be able to play anywhere and in conjunction with any other musical bodies. In this way the differences between rival unions, which

it is hoped may be avoided. Mr. Guenther is enthusiastic upon the subject and so is Mr. Ruhe, and both have sounded their brethren sufficiently to be safe in saying that if the \$3,000 required is subscribed by the wealthy patrons of music in this city, the band can be organized and practice begun in a few weeks' time. An-other feature of the scheme is to create a permanent orchestra, of the character of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, from the material composing the band.

A Statement From Manager Johnston, As to the Exposition Society's share in the enterprise, Manager Johnston said yes-terday: "The directors of the Exposition are desirous of employing local musicians to furnish the music next season, and the scheme to form a band, partly for this purpose, has their entire approval. The Exposition will give such a band a profitable and long engagement, and will enable it to win a wide reputation at the start. The sid of a wide reputation at the start. The aid of is needed, and I should think there were more than enough patrons of music to furnish such a sum. As to the bons fide character of the enterprise the names of Messrs. Guenther and Ruhe should be evi-

dence enough, and the Exposition Society is ready to do all in its power to ensure the success of the undertaking.

"I have looked into all the details of the matter, the price of instruments and the availability of the proper men and I am sure the plan can be carried out for the sum named. I believe that such a band would command the support of the community and prove a big advertisement as well as a source of pleasure and pride to Pittsburg.'

Good Holiday Business Expected. In the theatrical line the B. & O. road this week has the "Corinne" Company, 40 people, to Richmond, and coming in the 'Knotty Affair" Company from Chicago, and Nat C. Goodwin and his people from Wheeling. The holiday excursion rates will be a fare and a third, going into effect on the 23d and good until January 4. The tickets can be bought any time between the 23d and January 1. This is a concession that will be appreciated, for usually tickets are sold on only a few days around Christmas and New Year's Day. Division Pas-senger Agent Smith expects a good holiday business. He says the agents' reports show that the local trains are crowded daily with people bent on shopping. The first mid-winter excursion on the B. & O. to Washington will be run January 14.

Invalids Going to California,

Tony Orr, of the Santa Fe road, is one of the few railroad men who never complains about poor business. While the other fellows are perspiring for a revival in traffic. Tony rubs his hands good-naturedly and says freight shipments were never better. The Santa Fe, however, is a big system, and covers a good section of the Western United States. Mr. Orr, as usual, reports a good passenger and freight business. The travel to California has commenced, and a number of invalids have gone there already to spend the winter. The Santa Fe is fortunate in being south of the snow line, and is never blockaded like the Union and

Northern Pacific roads.

Carved Himself With a Bread Knife. Adam Shoener attempted suicide yesterday morning by cutting his throat with a brend knife. He had been drinking for some time, and yesterday when he returned intoxicated to his home, on East street ex-tension, Allegheny, his wife refused to ad-mit him. As he could not get a welcome in this world he concluded to take chances on the next, but he is only as far as the Allegheny General Hospital and will recover.

Ladies' Solid Gold Hunting, stem-winding watches, with Elgin movement, only \$18, at Kinsbacher Bros. great special sale, 516 Wood street.

SOME WHO KNOW

What an Æolian Is: Hon. E. H. Stowe, S. L. Schoonmaker, Capt. J. J. Vander- T. B. Atterbury, Benjamin Thaw, Charles J. Clarke, P. C. Knox, Hon. B. F. Jones, Jas. A. Chambers Hon. B. F. Jones, Jas. A. Chambers, And many, many others (we could fill

solumn with their names) have purchased self-playing Eolians from us. All more than pleased. Why not please you? If you do not care to buy, come anyhow, and hear the wonderful music. Anyone can play them. You can play them. You can. MELLOR & HOENE, "Palace of Music," 77 Fifth avenue.

Open every evening. Gents' Gold Lockets, Set with diamonds, and ladies' heart lockets with diamonds in many different designs at

KINGSBACHER BROS., 516 Wood street. Stylish Sultings.

For a good fitting dress suit or overcome go to Pitcairn, 434 Wood street. Diamond Neck Chains And diamond bracelets at half their regular price at Kingshacher Bros,' special diamond ENDING OF A ROMANCE

By Happy Marriage to a Prosperous Pittsburg Merchant

LOVE, ELOPEMENT AND DIVORCE With the Scenes In France, Philadelphia

The last act of a French romance in real life, as exciting as a novel, has been played in Pittsburg. The heroine, married in America to escape the wrath of her relatives, kicked out of her home by a drunken husband, left a fortune by an aunt, has now had her first marriage ties legally severed and without thought of her first unhappy wedded experience has married another-Pittsburg man; and while the fates are smiling kindly on her happy home and fortune, the man whom she first loved enough to elope with, has been driven in-sane by drink and the misfortune of losing his wife's money, and is now an inmate of the Norristown asylum. His name is Piere Pituo. The story of his life has been told and retold to Dr. Nardyz, the Italian physician in Pittsburg, who new for the first time makes it known to the world. In 1885, Pituo, a reckless son of a Paris merchant, met the girl whom he afterward married, at a small town in interior France named Le Cole d'Ars. The girl's last name was Pellisier. She was 19 years old, the daughter of a wealthy French farmer, whose pride was as great as that of a royal family. The young French maiden was as romantic as the village in which she lived and as beautiful as the foreigner's ideal girl of that country. Pituo, whose life was all his own, stayed at Le Cole d'Ars nearly all the time after he met her, but on account of the girl's father having seen him drunk at one time, he was denied admission to the house. Their meetings were none the less frequent on account of that, however, and from the fact that they were clandestine, their affection for each other

So desperate was it that an elopement was planned. Pitto essily secured the necessary money, and the plans were then not hard to carry out. They came to America in the fall of 1886, were married in Philadelphia, and established their romantic boyne among the staid old Quakers. Pitou ome among the staid old Quakers. Pitou secured work in a liquor house with a fair secured work in a liquor house with a lair income, but despised by him because it was work. Their rooms were on the second floor of a house on Pine street between Ninth and Tenth. Until this time Dr. Nardyz had not known them. He was living in Philadelphia then, and one cold night in the winter of 1887, while walking along Pine street, he saw a young woman lying unconscious at the foot of a stairway. He saw at once that she had been roughly handled and had her removed to a hospital. A day afterward she gave birth to a child. It lived three weeks, and after it died the young mother told her story. She declared she would never live with her husband again, and as he did not know where she had been taken she asked Dr. Nardyz to help her keep out of the way of Pituo and get a place for her to work. She did not want to return to France or let any of her relatives know of her existence. The woman was weak at the time and Dr. Nardyz agreed to do as she asked, intending,

had all the more chance to become desperate

however, to send word to her relatives. A Fortune in France.

Before he did this he saw an advertise ment in a French paper, signed by the French Consul, asking for the whereabouts of the wife of Piere Pitou. The advertisement simply stated that a fortune had been left her. Dr. Nardyz went to the Consul and learned from him that a sister of the old farmer, Pellisier, had died, leaving a fortune of 100,000 francs to her niece, whom she alone of all the family had pitted. The will provided that the husband was not to get any of the money in case of his wife's death. The letter containing these facts was received by Piere Pitou about a month after he had kicked his wife down stairs. He had been in a drunken stupor ever since, but had enough sense left when he rea possibility of getting the money to continue debauchery. He went to the French Con-sul, related all the facts about having put his wife out of her home and solicited aid in finding her. He also said he was willing to ask her forgiveness and wanted the influ-ence of the Consul in getting it. The latter thought it best, however, to simply state the facts to the unfortunate woman, who the lacts to the unfortunate woman, who had so suddenly become an heiress, and with Dr. No-'yz, the two took the letter to the hospital, partly undetermined what to say to her about her husband, but fully decided not to mention him when after reading the letter the young woman, with all the feminine hatred of French nature, found her chief joy in saying that henceforth she would be able to live independent of her husband. They refused to tell Pituo where his wife was. He insisted, raved, sought the aid of the police, and finally, after a drunken debauch, became violently insane, and was removed to the Norristown Asylum, where he is now con

The woman, through the aid of the Consul and Dr. Nardyz, secured the money in a few months, and was earnestly urged by her father to return home. She always said she was ashamed to go back among her old friends, however, and lived quietly in Phil-

Married a Pittsburg Man. She secured a divorce from her husband two years ago and never relented enough to visit him at the asylum. She was told of his misfortunes, but asked no questions. A year ago she met a young Frenchman in Philadelphia, who renewed the romantic in Philadelphia, who renewed the romantic spirit of the days when she lived in Le Cole d'Ars. Their courtship was conducted without opposition. A few months ago this man, whose name is withheld by Dr. Nardyz, came to Pittsburg and opened a small store on Liberty avenue, between Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth street. The money to put in the business was furnished by the discovery wife of Piers Pitts. by the divorced wife of Piere Pituo, who had determined to act more wisely than at her first marriage, and sent her intended husband ahead to prepare the way. Last week the young French storekeeper went to Philadelphia, and was married to the Pittsburg last Tuesday, and are living modestly in a little home, without any show of wealth, but with lots of happiness and, Dr. Nardyz thinks, a bright future shead.

Saved by the Old Bridge. A raft of 100 logs belonging to James Omslear broke from its moorings yesterday and crashed against the temporary bridge at Herr's Island. It was feared the new bridge under construction just below would be swept away, but the old one saved it.

Gentlemen's Solid Gold Hunting, stem-winding watches, hand-somely engraved with Elgin or Waltham movement, only \$20 at the great special sale. KINGSBACHER BROS.,

516 Wood street. For Nearly Thirty Years The Henry F. Miller pianos have been favorites with musicians, and they have steadily gained in reputation as fine musical instruments, being the first choice of many minent planists and vocalists.

A complete stock of these world-renowned pianos, including grands, parlor grands, uprights, and pedal uprights at W. C. White-hill's Music Parlor, 152 Third avenue.

Ladies' Solid Silver Hunting, stem-winding watches, warranted good time keepers, only \$5 at the great special sale.

KINGSBACHER BROS., 2.16 Word street. GOOD JUDGMENT OR LUCK.

McKeown Struck It Rich in His First

Washington Venture John McKeown, the late Washington oil nan, either had great luck or good judgment. The bulk of his fortune was made in the Washington field. When he heard of the first rumors from the county he started from Pithole, and arrived in Washington one bright afternoon. He had plenty of money in his grip, and was prepared to pay and This City.

cash for something good. He soon learned of a farmer who wanted to sell his farm.

Mr. McKeown hunted the granger up at

Mr. McKeown hunted the granger up at once. The rustic asked \$60,000 for the property, and had just refused \$50,000 from several other oil men, who had gone away to deliberate over the matter. McKeown said nothing, but quietly counted out \$60,000 in greenbacks and laid the money on the table. The deal had scarcely been closed, when the first fellows returned and were willing to pay the price. The farmer had thrown part of the table cloth over the money he had received from McKeown, but he answered them by removing the rag and showing the pile of greenbacks. They had nothing further to say and departed in disgust. John McKeown is said to have made more than a half million out of the farm. Was it judgment or luck—which?

MUST PAY IN GOLD. New Stipulation in Mortgages Forced l

Fear of Free Silver. Attorney John D. Watson said yesterday: 'I discovered a day or two ago that the agitation of the free silver question is beginning to bear fruit in limitations of monetary contracts in this State. A mortgage which I have just negotiated for some clients of mine contains the stipulation that it shall be paid in gold. The mortgage was for the sum of \$20,000, and the lenders of

"It is the first instance of such precaution that I have heard of in this section, but I believe it will be the settled policy of the money-lending corporations and individual capitalists so long as there is danger of Con-gress upsetting the monetary basis of the country by the passage of free silver law."

A confidence man, named Burton, jumped from a second-story window in Burdett's Hotel, Federal street and River avenue, yesterday morning. He had been trying to work a game on Mrs. Wells, of Callery Junction, to whom he had represented him-self as an oil operator. Both she and the proprietor dropped to his game. He re-fused to pay his bill, and Mr. Burdett had locked him in his room and sent for the police. He fooled them by jumping out

Got Into the Wrong Hotel,

A Western man registered at the Monon gahela House yesterday. About noon he was passing the Central Hotel and wandered in there for his dinner. He didn't notice any difference in the two houses until after he had eaten his meal, then he made the amusing discovery that he was in the wrong hotel and was responsible for two meals. As he came from the West he had plenty of silver and washed down both bills with a

Auditors Shut Out Again. The Pleasant Valley officials have again refused to open their books for the Allegheny auditors. When Expert Bigger sked for them yesterday he was refused. The reason given is that they want to consult their attorney, Colonel Stone. Secretary Graham went to Washington to see him Thursday night, and nothing can be done until he returns.

Working on the Clinton Coal Road. The little road from Clinton to Shousetown, on the Lake Erie, will soon be finished. The owners have already spent \$150,000 in construction. It is intended to carry the coal from 500 acres of land in the neighborhood of Clinton.



Have you heard that Thompson's New York Grocery has moved to their spacious new building, No. 311 Market street? It has been pronounced by all to be the hand-somest store in Pittsburg. Read the in-ducements offered for this week.

Choice roasted coffee, per lb.......\$ 15 London layer raisins, clusters, 20-lb 1 lb Leghorn citron..... 10 cans table peaches (3-ib cans)..... 1 06 6 cans white cherries (3-ib cans)..... 1 00 6 lbs Malaga grapes 1 00
25 lbs white sugar 1 00
Sugar-cured hams, per lb 9
Sugar-cured shoulders, per lb 7
16 lbs pure mixed candy 1 00
12 lbs French cream mixed 1 00
8 lbs hand-made chocolate drops 1 00
Our 10-cent cigars, 50 in a box 2 00
Our 5-cent cigars, 50 in a box 1 00
Our special brand, La Odalisea, 50 in a box 75

a box. Our special brand, "Cherries," 50 in a

tea, or 1 pound of cut loaf sugar with every pound of tea. Goods delivered free to all parts of both cities. To those living out of the city we will prepay freight on all orders of \$10 and upward to any station or landing within 100 miles of Pittsburg. Send for price l M. R. THOMPSON, Market street, directly opposite Gusky's entrance.

Store open every evening this week until 9 o'clock. Fancy Goods. Royal Worcester ware, Royal Hungarian ware Brown ware, and other celebrated wares; beautiful pieces with fine decorations. with fine decorations.

Marble busts and figures, vases and statuettes, in copper and silver bronzes; onyx tables, umbrellas, bisque figures and busts,

Candelabra; great variety.

Lamps, piano and stand, something very

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COLORED ATTORNEYS.

Two Admitted Yesterday to Practice in Common Pleas No. 1.

bright young men of good education and thorough law training. Holmes was candidate six months ago, but failed brough a lack of knowledge of Pennsylvania law. He is not 30. His home is in Baltimore, Maryland, where he is a member of the court corresponding to the Supreme Court in this State. When he failed at the last examination, he did not become discouraged, but pluckily settled down to hard work in the law liorary. He has become acquainted with almost every member of the bar, and on account of his color as well as his diligence is a fair way to get a good practice.

Randolph comes from New York where e practiced eight years. He is not so well known as Holmes, but is well recommended. He is a graduate of the Albany Law School Besides experience, he has natural shrewdness to carry him through, and has the start the money are Eastern capitalists, who evidently intend to protect themselves against any depreciation in legal tenders, which the freeing of silver may bring about.

The sum of £20,000, and the fenders of the become a close rival of Holmes. They will establish offices at once and will make an effort to see that they have the handling of justice for Allegheny county's colored of justice for Allegheny county's colored

> Discussing Their Colored Brethren The fact that they had colored brethren was the principal subject of discussion among attorneys yesterday. To the older members of the bar it recalled a bitter fight in 1867, when on a certain Saturday every lawyer in the county was asked by the Court to express an opinion on the propriety of admitting to practice a colored man named Vashon, who, just in the midst of prejudice against the black man, had the audacity to ask for admission to the bar. the audacity to ask for admission to the bar. Vashon was the son of a Pittsburg barber. He was well educated, intelligent and seemed to have all the qualifications for expounding Blackstone, but he was black, and in '67 that was a serious offense. Judge Sterrett was on the bench and called for a meeting of the bar to discuss the question. Every member turned out and for several Every member turned out and for several hours the liveliest session the Allegheny county bar has ever known was held. A tech county bar has ever known was held. A technicality that the applicant had not complied with the rules was raised, but it was only for a pretense, and in the heat of the meeting was soon dropped for the discussion of the "nigger" pro and con.
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> Thomas Bayne was his champion. He claimed there was no reason whatever for the transport of the transpo

refusing him admission, and asserted that it was a Democratic scheme. Colonel Kerr and John H. Bailey took the other side. It was claimed that while the United States had made the negro a citizen, the State of Pennsylvania had not yet done so. A deci-sion of Judge Agnew was quoted in a rail-road case in which it was held that white people had the right to discriminate against colored people by compelling them to ride in a car by themselves.

Shutting the Negro Out. If negroes could be kept out of the white man's car, it was argued that he could be refused admission to the white man's bar. Thomas M. Marshall claimed the negro was a ci-izen, and could become a lawyer if he complied with the rules. Hon. James H. Hopkins thought this particular applicant had not complied with the rules. was a prominent Democrat. Thomas J. Keenan was Chairman of the Demo Keenan was Chairman of the Democratic County Committee at that time and argued that Vashon had complied with the rules as closely as the majority of white men. He stated that the whole question was one of color, and from that time to the end of the meeting the color line was the one discussed. The Court did not give the one discussed. The Court did not give a decision that day, but afterward refused admission without stating the grounds.

Vashon then went to Washington and is now a practicing attorney in the capital city. He was the only colored man who applied for admission to the Allegheny

ounty har until yesterday.

Besides Randolph and Holmes the following young men were admitted yesterday. They were sworn in in Common Pleas Court No. 1: L. Griffin, Joseph R. McCance, Leon J. Long, H. M. Scott, L. J. Graham, J. C. Force, James M. Jarvis, W. P. Carter and T. C. Noble.

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The only things we sell. Nothing not The only things we sell. Nothing not first-class. Hardman, Krakauer, Vose pianos; in organs, more makes than we can enumerate. Been in the business over 60 years, and know what is good and what is not. Do you know as much? If not, when you want a piano or organ, you had better call on us. We'll treat you right. That's the secret of our phenomenal success. MELLOR & HOENE,
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of crackers, cakes and confectionery, with factory 7-8-9 and 10 Church avenue, Alle-

FIRST IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

How the Color Line Was Drawn After a

Bitter Fight in 1867.

NO OBJECTION WAS RAISED THIS TIME

The first colored attorneys in Allegheny county were admitted to the bar yesterday. Their names are W. M. Randolph and J. Wilfred Holmes. Ex-Judge Fetterman recommended their admission, and there was not a dissenting voice. They are both bright young men of good education and the line is everywhere tastefully displayed. All grades, from the finest to the less costly, are carried and offered at prices which only a concern with the productive facilities of E. Maginn could afford. The two large show windows, which always present an attractive appearance at this season of the year, seem to vie with each other for brilliancy and beauty. Indeed, the array of merchandise and decorations of the array of merchandise and decorations of Christmas holly and evergreen is one sel-dom surpassed and reflects much credit upon those in charge. The generous pat-ronage which this store receives from the buying public is full evidence that the firm's efforts to please their customers are ap-preciated.

> Diamond Pendants, Diamond lace pins, diamond brooches, diamond stick pins at prices never before heard mond stick pins at prices ac-of at the great special sale.
>
> KINGSBACHER BROS.,
>
> 516 Wood street.



Soon the Merry Christmas bells will ring, and everything around us will assume a holiday appearance. To celebrate the festivities more fittingly, JACKSONS' HOME MADE OVERCOATS. The bona fide reductions we made in the prices will enable the humblest to appear sey Coats have been reduced to \$15; our \$18 Melton Coats to \$14; our \$15 Frieze Coats reduced to \$12. We will close out our entire line of home-made overcoats if a

low price will do it. Great sacrifices have been made in every department. Note the prices in our

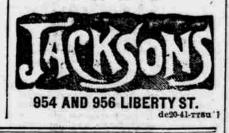
TAILORING DEPARTMENT We show the handsomest line of \$25 Suitings in this city. Our workmanship and fit beyond question.

Our HAT DEPART-MENT filled with holiday novelties, correct styles and popular prices.

For holiday presents look into our furnishing window. Many a pretty thing will suggest itself for an appropriate

Neckwear, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas,

Night Robes, Dress Shirts, Etc.



WHAT IS YOUR Money paying you? Are you satisfied as TO ITS SAFETY?

KENSINGTON

their savings in property in this new city. Go and see it. If will cost nothing. Free railroad tickets given there and return.

> THE BURRELL IMPROVEMENT CO., No. 96 Fourth ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. E. MAGINN'S ALLEGHENY BRANCH

THE

TRIUMPH

Largest and Leading Millinery and Fancy Goods House in Western Pennsylvania.

> REWARD INDUSTRY, VIM AND PERSEVERANCE.

RAM, STAM, JAM, HUSTLE, BUSTLE, JOSTLE, RUSH, CRUSH, MUCH.

Such immense crowds! Such good natured people! Such multitudes of indulgent customers waiting their turn to get waited upon by our busy salespeople. We have seen many big, yes, very big, crowds in our store in the bygone years, but the vast crowds that have promenaded throughout our brilliant storerooms during the past three weeks certainly caps them all. Of course, we were exceedingly well pleased, not merely because it was a living evidence that we were doing the biggest holiday trade in the city, but it was a UNANIMOUS VERDICT shouted forth from 'steen times ten thousand pairs of stentorian lungs, WELL DONE, DANZIGER'S, in your unceasing and tireless efforts during the past year, searching the "WIDE, WIDE WORLD" and bringing to Pittsburg THE BIGGEST STOCKS, THE GREATEST VARIETIES, AND AT PRICES WITHIN REACH OF ONE AND ALL, Toys. Books, Games, Dolls, Christmas Cards and Booklets, Plush, Leather and Oxidized Albums, Dressing Cases, Writing Desks, Manicure Sets, Glove Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, Bric-a-Brac, Maryou want to don one of ble Statuary, Bronzes, besides thousands of other articles from all over Europe and our own beloved land. Go on and prosper, our patronage is yours so long as you treat us thusly.

well-dressed. Our \$20 Ker- For Which Unanimous Verdict We Say Thanks. Thanks, Very Many Thanks.

> Now, there's only FOUR MORE DAYS till the Happy Christmas morning is upon us. There'll be many happy reunions on that joyous occasion. Millions upon millions of happy souls will be made still happier that day by kind remembrances from father and mother, son and daughter, sister and brother, and it's quite likely, in a great many cases, it'll be somebody else's sister and brother. To those who have not already

We'd say, come in your TENS OF THOUSANDS. We're prepared to wait upon ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE in the next four days, and, as you all know, we can furnish you with useful and fancy articles suitable for Xmas presents from the baby down, away back through the ages to the GREAT, GREAT, GREAT GRAND PARENTS.

Come Early, Come Late,

BUT, ABOVE ALL,

COME OFTEN DURING THE NEXT 4 DAYS.

You'll not only select from the biggest variety. but you'll also buy at LOWER PRICES thaneanywhere else, either in Pittsburg or the village across

We'd remind you that our Umbrella stock is the biggest and nobbiest in these parts.

IMPORTANT, VERY-5,000 Little Fancy Baskets just the thing to fill with candy for Sunday school treats.

. Store-Open Evenings Till 9 O'Clock Until Christmas.